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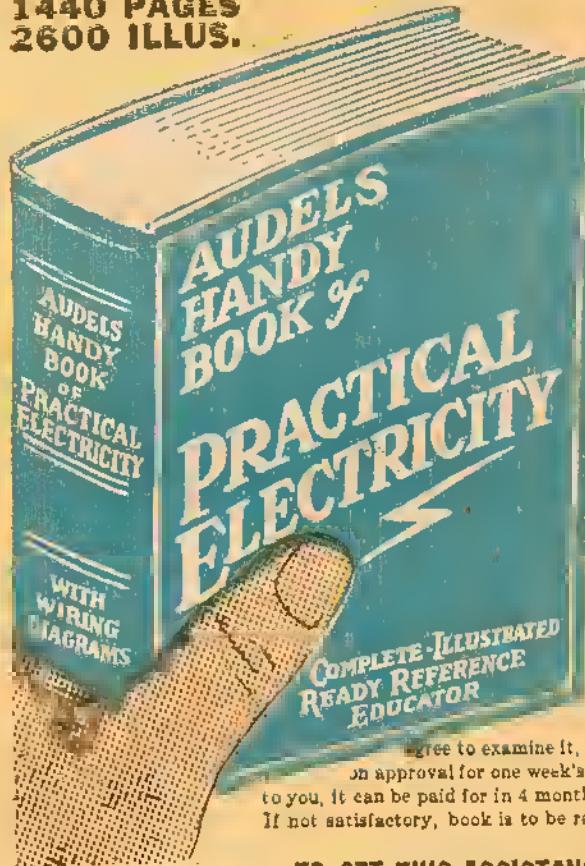
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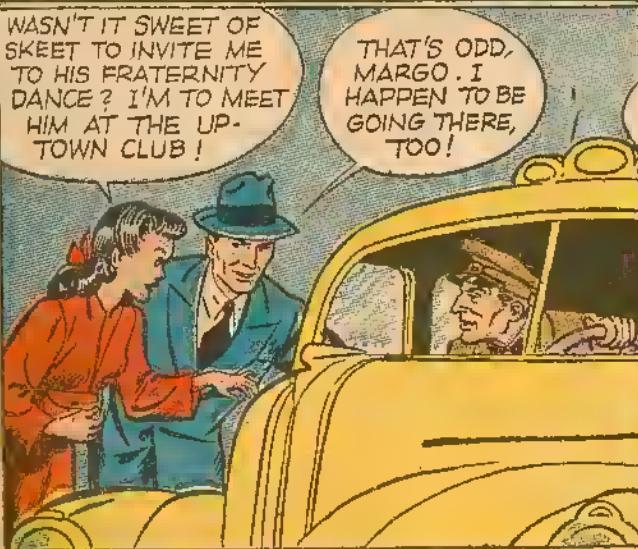
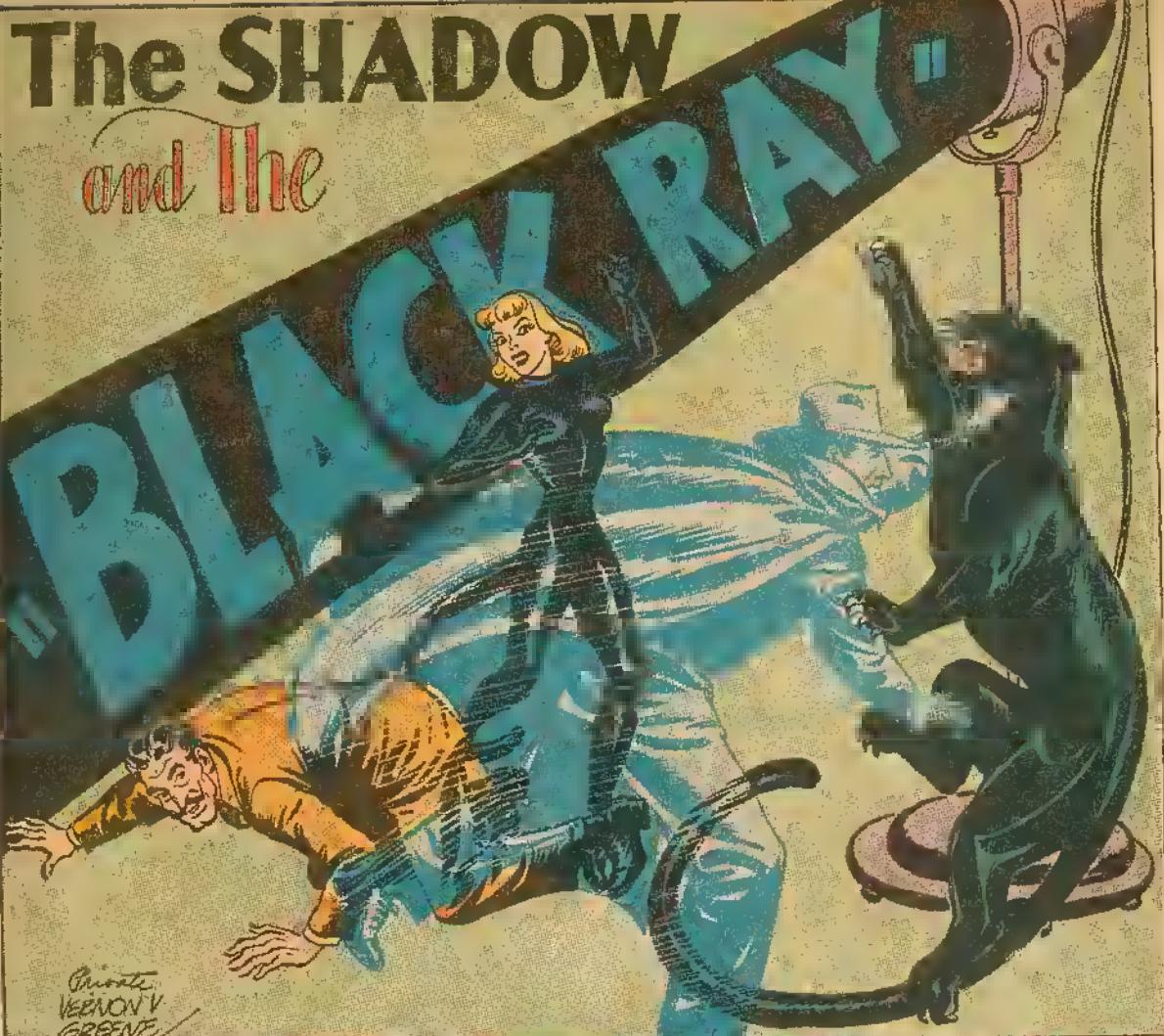
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I'VE TRACED ALTHOR, THE
MASTER PLOTTER. HE OWNS
THIS COSTUME SHOP!

SAY, WE'D
BETTER HAVE
A LOOK!

DISGUISES
FOR
ALTHOR'S
HELPERS!

LOOK AT THIS
TRICK DOOR! IT
MUST LEAD TO
THEIR SECRET
HEADQUARTERS

FIND THE SHADOW,
SKEET I'LL WATCH
TILL YOU GET
BACK!

YOU
BETCHA!



I'LL PLAY SAFE
BY PUTTING ON
A COSTUME
MYSELF!

THEY CAN'T SEE THE
SHADOW WHEN HE WEARS
HIS BLACK COSTUME --
THEY WON'T SEE ME!

NOW TO EXPLORE THE
SECRET PASSAGE
AND FIND
ALTHOR!



HEY!

HURRY HIM UP THROUGH
THE COSTUME SHOP!
I SEE A CAB
COMING!

MEANWHILE

YOU MEAN THIS
COSTUME SHOP IS
THE FRONT FOR
ALTHOR'S HEAD-
QUARTERS?

THAT'S RIGHT,
MARGO. SKEET
MAY HAVE
MET WITH
TROUBLE!





WHILE THE SHADOW UTILIZES HIS INVISIBLE POWERS TO SEARCH FOR ALTHOR, MARGO LANE LINGERS IN THE COSTUME SHOP...



ALTHOR MUST BE SLIPPING, THINKING HE CAN HOAX ME WITH A FAKE GHOST

I WONDER HOW FAR AHEAD THE SHADOW IS



TAKE THIS GUN, VALDA. WHEN I TURN ON THE BLACK RAY FIRE AT THIS TARGET!

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO POP ALTHOR WITH HIS OWN GUN!



FIRE, VALDA!

CLICK CLICK



WHY, THE GUN WOULDN'T FIRE!

EXACTLY. THE BLACK RAY STIFLES GUNFIRE! IT WILL DO THE SAME WITH THE SHADOW'S GUNS!

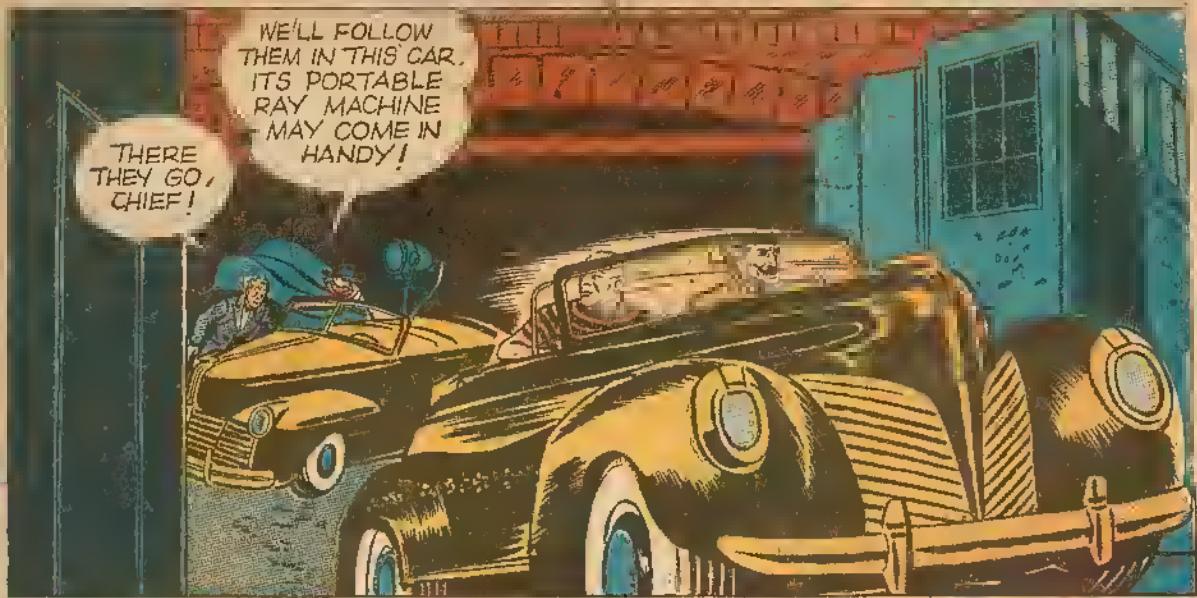


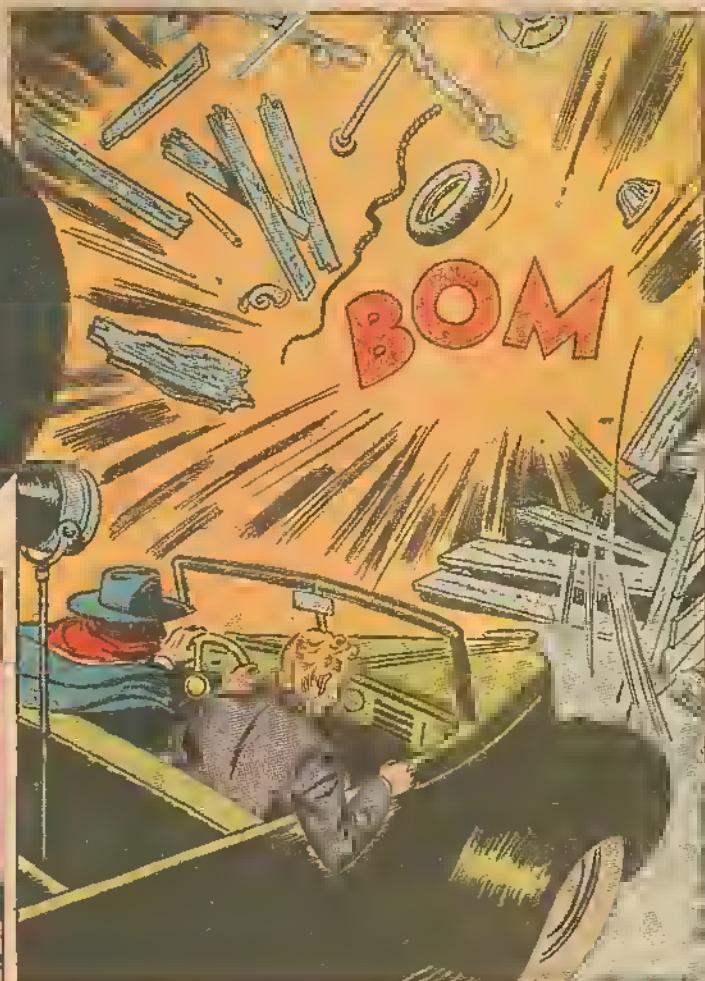
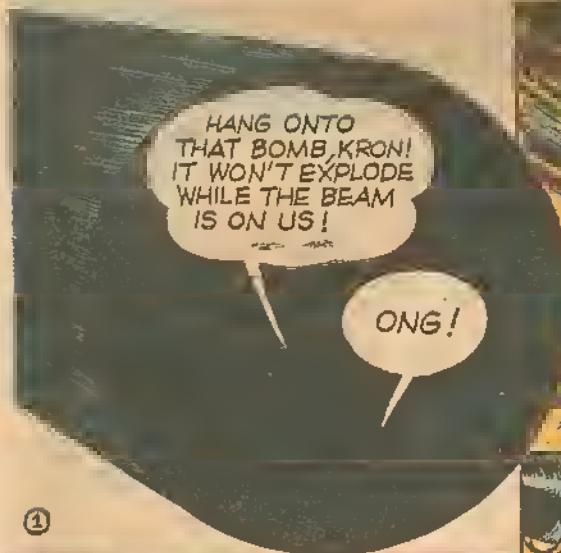












AS SKEET CUTS OFF THE BLACK RAY, THE BOMB SHATTERS THE BRIDGE WITH A MIGHTY BLAST TAKING ALTHOR, KRON, AND THEIR CAR WITH IT!





RIDING BY SWIFT PLANE, THE SHADOW IS SEEKING DEVIL KYOTI, HELL-MONSTER WHO SERVES THE JAPS IN THEIR NEFAIRIOUS SCHEMES OF DESTRUCTION -- TO REACH AND COMBAT THIS INSIDIOUS CREATURE, THE SHADOW IS FLYING OVER HONSHU, THE PRINCIPAL ISLAND OF JAPAN!



SAY, CHIEF.
THAT'S FUJIYAMA
AND IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
GOING TO
ERUPT!

NO SUCH LUCK,
JERRY. DEVIL
KYOTI SIMPLY
ISN'T HOME
TO TEND THE
FURNACE --



BUT WE'LL
KNOW
WHERE
TO FIND
HIM!

SAY, CHIEF,
THE JAPS ARE
FINDING US
WITH GUNFIRE!

SAY, CHIEF --
OUR SHIP'S
ON FIRE!

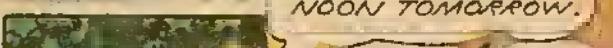
GOOD. WE'LL
FIGHT FIRE
WITH FIRE!

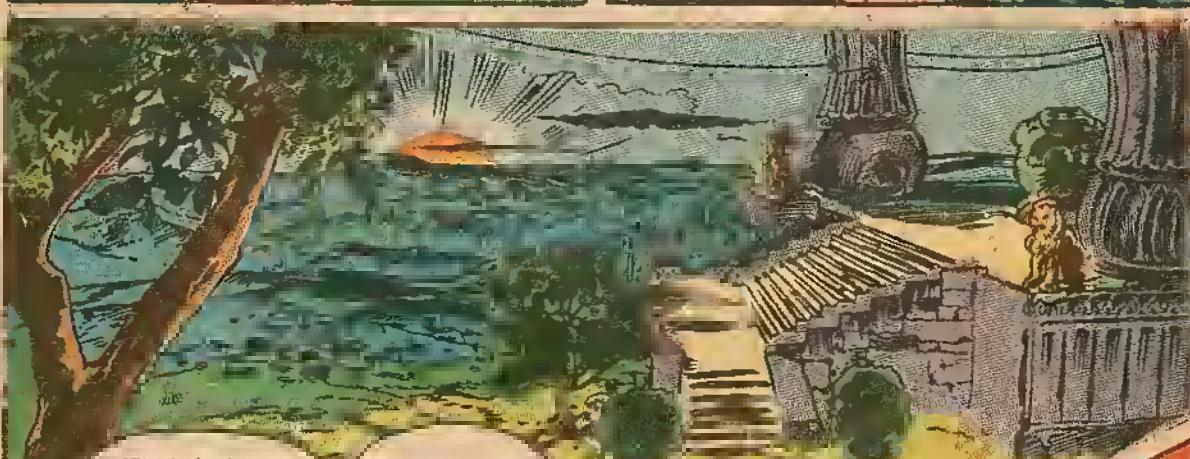












THE SHADOW FINDS A PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR JERRY TO SLEEP UNTIL NOON --

WAKE UP,
JERRY, AND
SEE WHAT'S
GOING ON!



WHAT'S
THE BED
OF FIRE
FOR,
CHIEF?

THAT'S WHERE
THE SHINTO
WIZARDS DO
THE FIRE-WALK,
TO MAKE THE
CROWD THINK
THEY'RE MIRACLE
MEN!

THE SHADOW EXPLAINS THAT OTHER WIZARDS DIP THEIR HANDS IN BOILING WATER WHILE THE REST CLIMB THE LADDERS OF SWORDS!

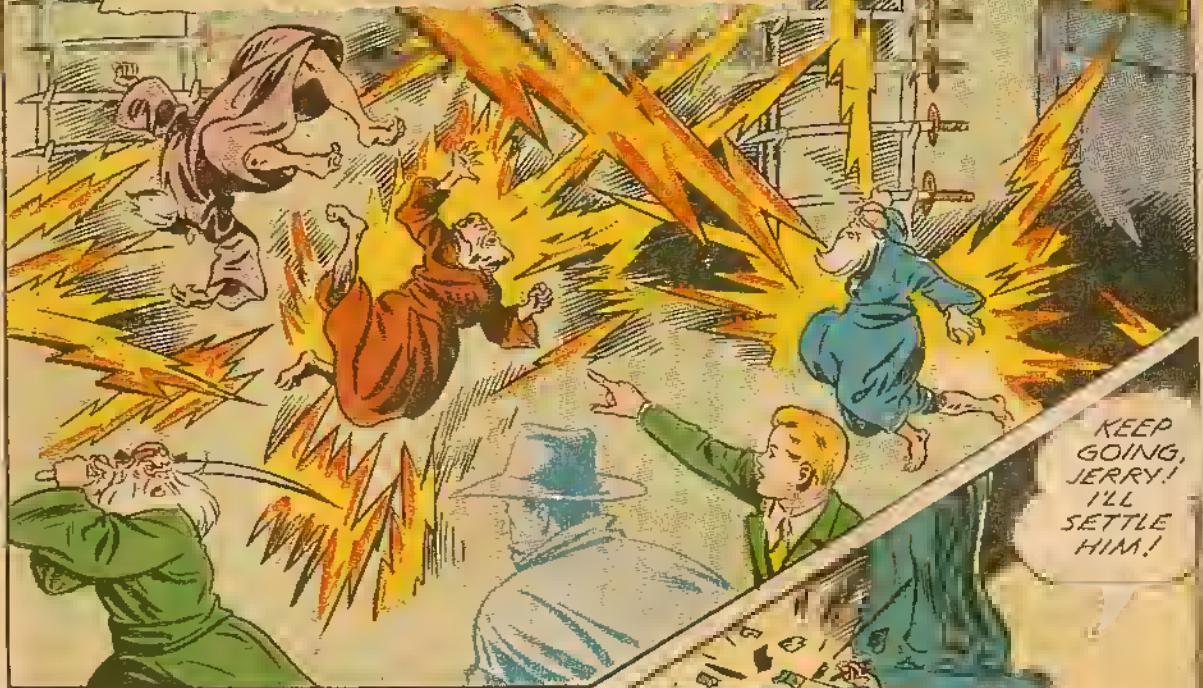




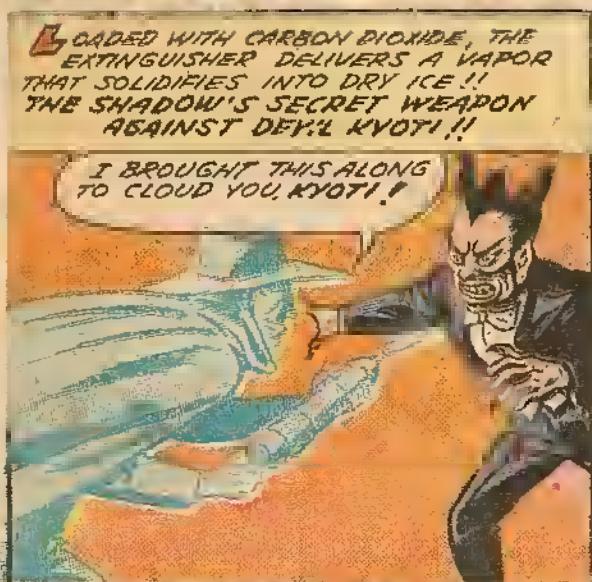




AS JERRY PRESSES THE SWITCH, THOUSANDS OF VOLTS JOLT THE ASTONISHED SWORD-WALKERS, KNOCKING THEM HELPLESS!















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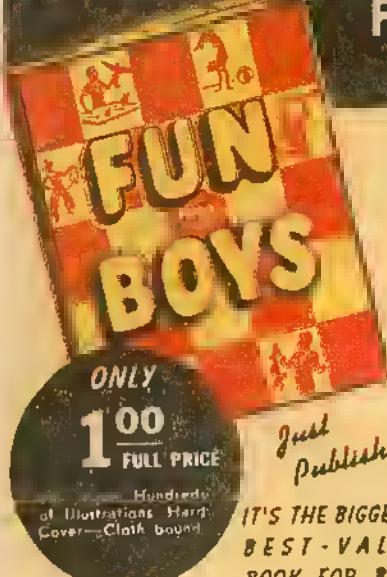
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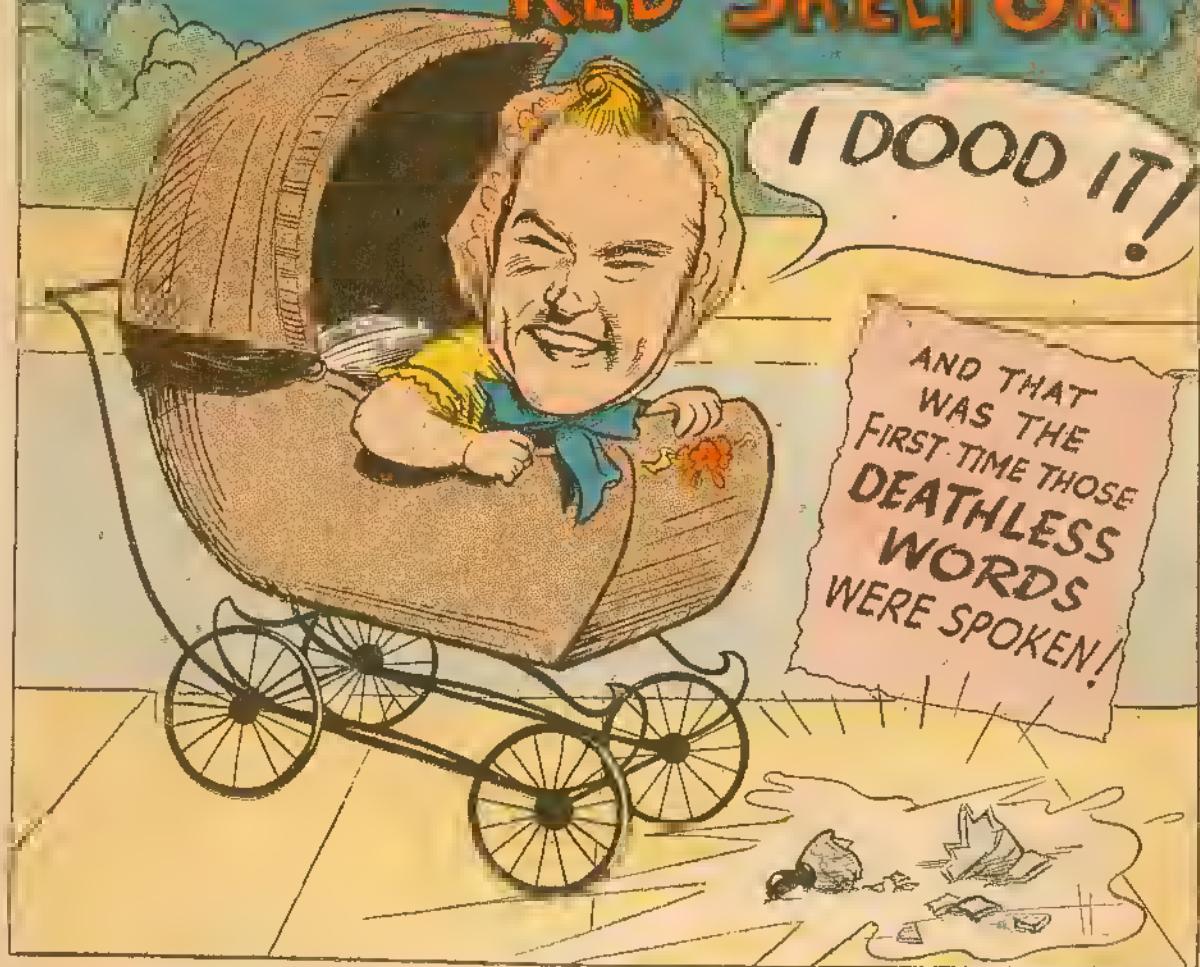
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RED MADE HIS DEBUT IN 1927 AS A VERY YOUTHFUL MAMMY SINGER IN A MEDICINE SHOW. THAT LED TO VAUDEVILLE AND...

MAMMY!



...THE TITLE OF
"AMERICA'S NUMBER 1 DOUGHNUT DUNKER!"



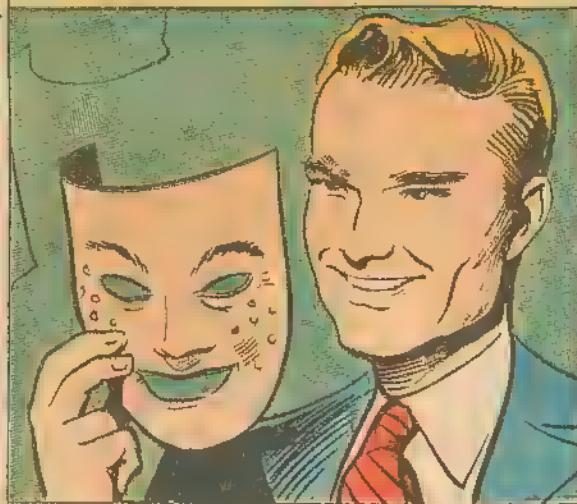
RED ESTIMATES THAT SINCE HE BEGAN HE
DUNKED 37,971½ DOUGHNUTS!

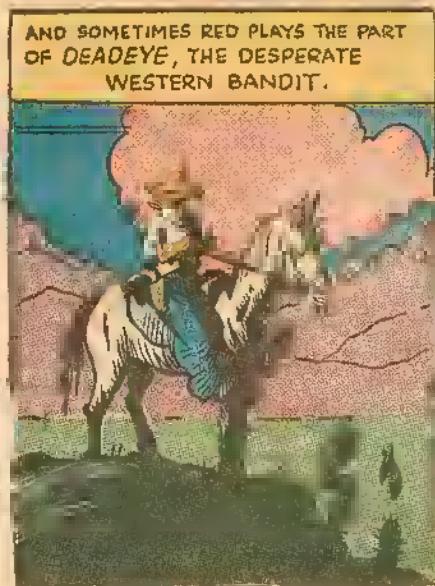


AND SO IT CAME TO PASS... YOUR FAVORITE PROGRAM - THE RALEIGH CIGARETTE HOUR, WITH RED SKELTON, HARRIET HILLIARD AND OZZIE NELSON. AN AVERAGE PROGRAM MIGHT GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...



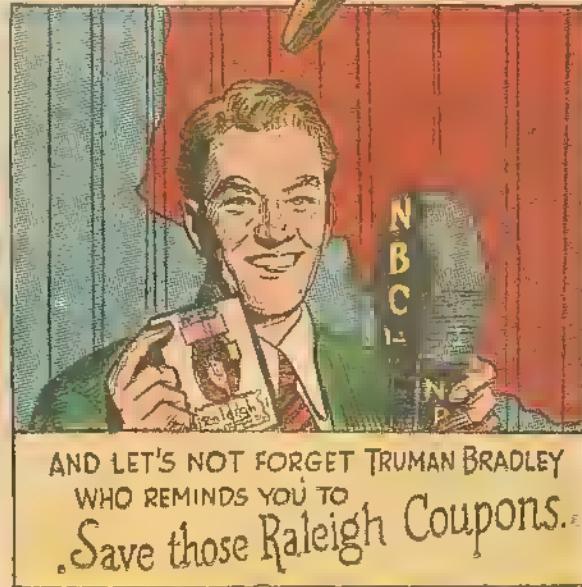
RED PLAYS A NUMBER OF CHARACTERS ON THE SHOW, SO THAT AFTER THE ANNOUNCER INTRODUCES HIM, HE AND HIS CAST ACT OUT A NUMBER OF PLAYLETS SHOWING HOW CERTAIN PEOPLE REACT TO CERTAIN SITUATIONS.







ozzie nelson, red's bandleader, and vocalist harriet hilliard, do a number together in the middle of the program ... sometimes one of ozzie's own.



BUT PERHAPS
RED'S BEST
CHARACTERIZATION
IS THAT OF...

JUNIOR, WHAT ARE YOU--
OH, MY HEAVENS,
HAVE YOU EATEN
THE GOLDFISH??

THERE, THAT'LL TEACH
'EM NOT TO MAKE
FACES AT ME.

The MEAN
LITTLE BOY



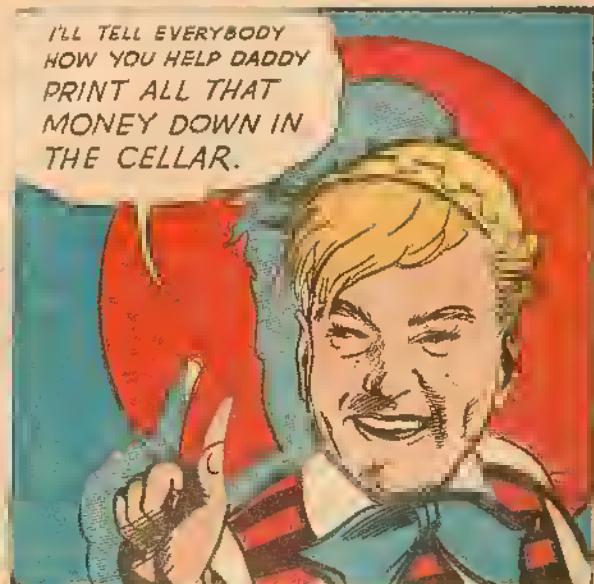
NOW, JUNIOR, YOUR AUNT IS EXPECTING
HER YOUNG MAN TO VISIT HER, AND I
WANT YOU TO GO UPSTAIRS WHEN HE COMES.

NO, I WANT TO STAY HERE.
IF YOU DON'T LET ME STAY
HERE, I WILL TELL!



YOU'LL TELL WHAT?

I'LL TELL EVERYBODY
HOW YOU HELP DADDY
PRINT ALL THAT
MONEY DOWN IN
THE CELLAR.





Beebo

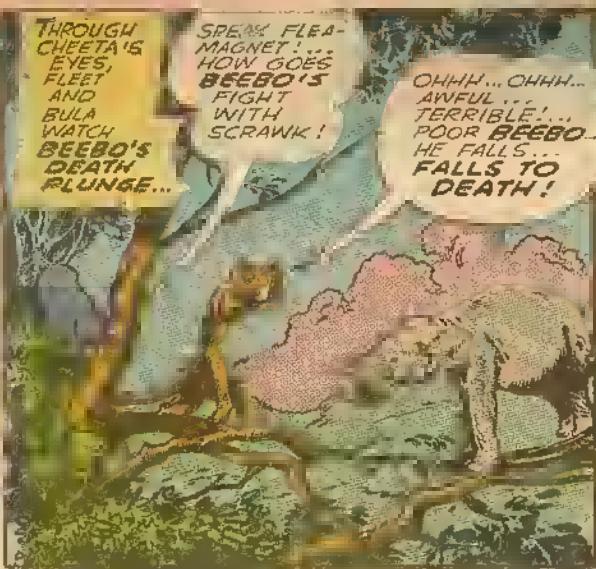
of
JUNGLE ISLE
and his
WONDER HORSE
FLEET

PRE-HISTORIC INVADER

THE HUGE MOUNTAIN WAVE INUNDATING JUNGLE ISLE, RECEDES ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS IT CAME. CAST UPON THE TREE - OF - THE CLOUDS, BEEBO RECOGNIZES IT AS AN EXCELLENT LOOK OUT POST TO WATCH OVER HIS KINGDOM. BUT SCRACK, THE CONDOR, REFUSES TO SHARE HIS NEST WITH BEEBO....

SNATCHING UP THE JUNGLE BOY IN HIS GIANT TALONS, HE SWOOPS HIGH IN THE SKY, FOLDS HIS WINGS AND DIVES LIKE A LIGHTNING STREAK, TO SHAKE BEEBO OFF - TO PLUNGE HIM TO DEATH!



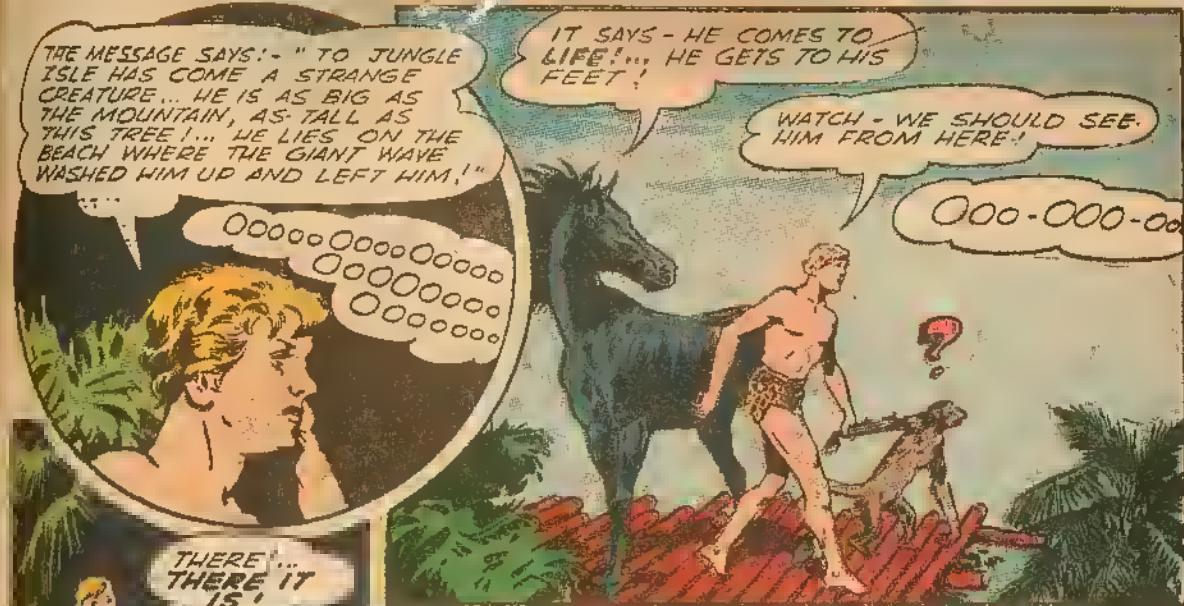












THE HORRIBLE-LOOKING, COLOSSUS OF PRE-HISTORIC TIMES REARS ITS UGLY LITTLE HEAD ABOVE THE TREES... ITS BEADY EYES FOCUS ON THE SMALL GROUP ATOP THE TREES-OF-THE-CLOUDS!





KEEPING ITS EYES CENTERED ON THE TREE, IT CRASHES INTO THE JUNGLE, CRUSHING ALL IN ITS WAY!



STOP!... GO BACK
FROM WHENCE YOU
CAME OR TASTE
THE DEATH
STING OF
MY FANG!

DON'T
ANGER HIM,
BEEBO...
CAREFUL...
CAREFUL!

THE GARGANTUAN JAWS
OPEN WIDE... A SPEAR-
LIKE TONGUE DARTS AT
BEEBO!

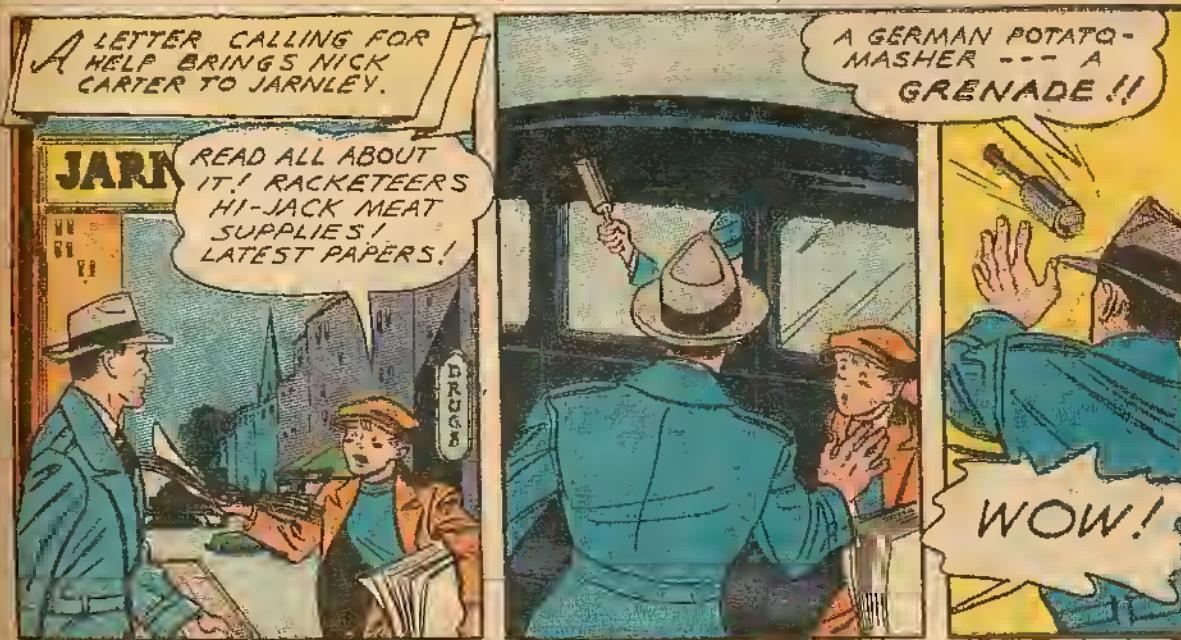
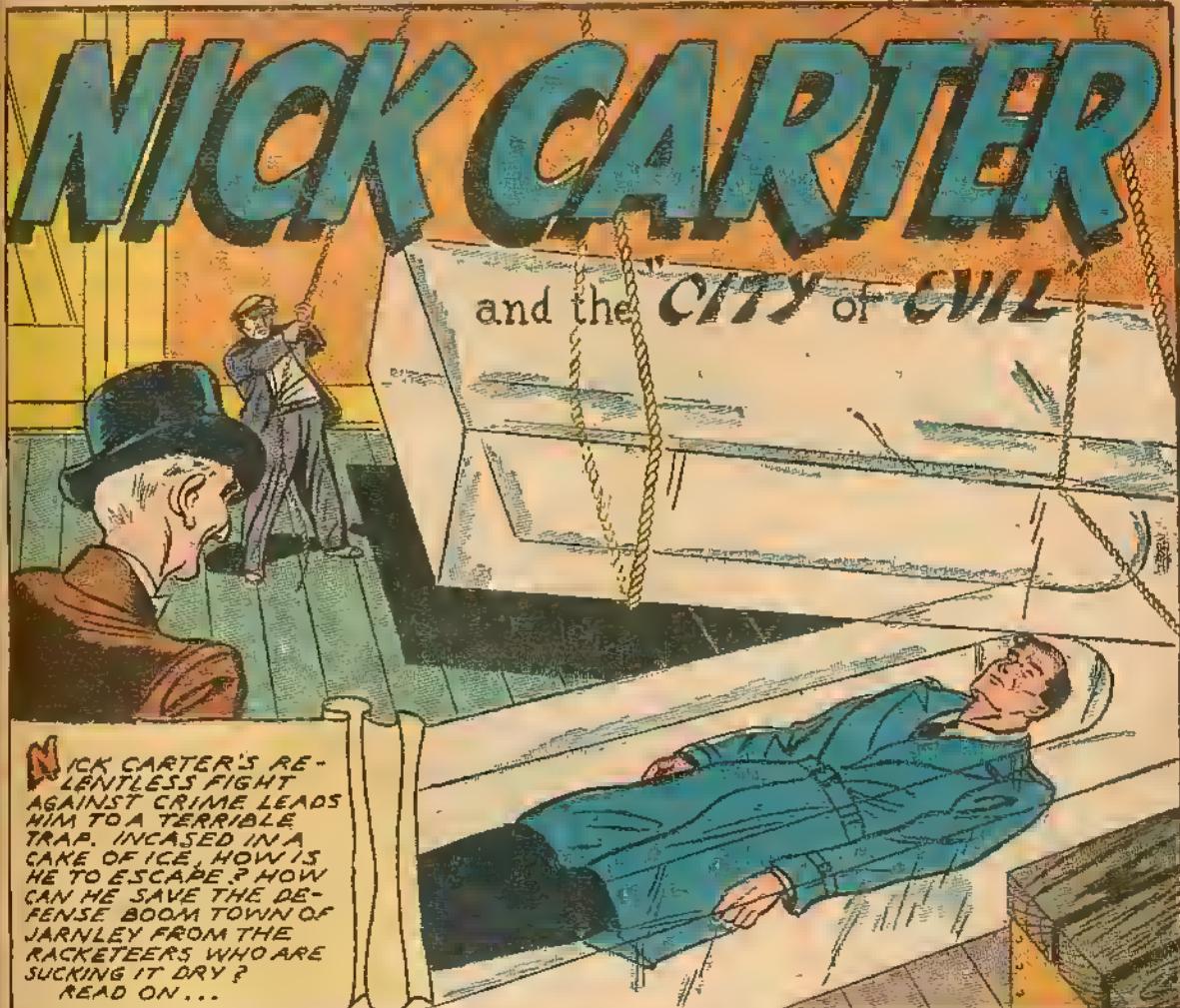


THEN - BY THE
FANG THAT
MADE ME
KING OF THE
JUNGLE...
YOU DIE!

BEEBO ATTACKS A
PRE-HISTORIC MONSTER,
HUNDREDS OF TIMES HIS
SIZE! HERE IS A FIGHT
WHERE A BRAINLESS
CREATURE - THE DINOSAUR-
FIGHTING ONLY BY INSTINCT,
MEETS A PRODUCT OF
THOUSANDS OF YEARS
OF EVOLUTION - BEEBO!
CAN THE BRAIN OF MAN
OUTWIT
THIS MOVING, LIVING,
BRAINLESS MACHINE
OF INSTINCT?

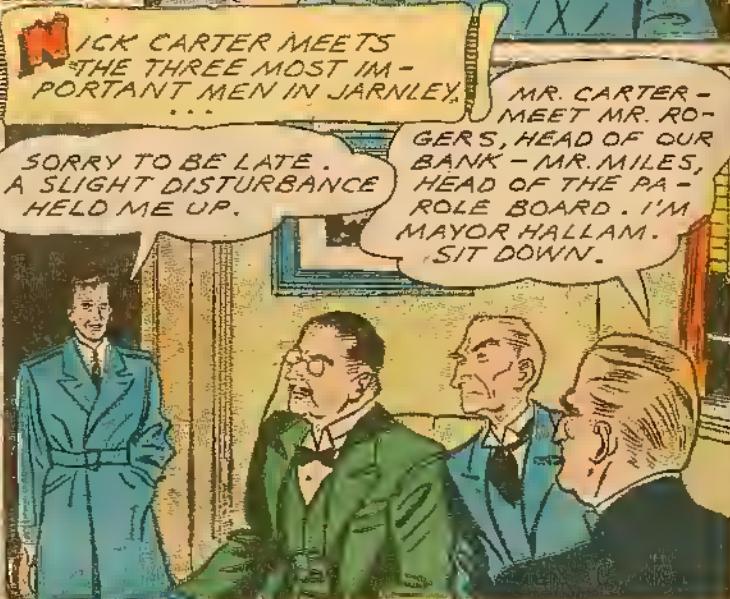
*NOTE: DO YOU THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT DINOSAURS EXIST TO DATE? DO NOT BE TOO SURE! A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS NOT LONG AGO DISCOVERED AN ISLAND WHERE THEY STILL LIVE! POSSIBLY THIS ONE WAS WASHED OFF THAT ISLAND!

Read the
THRILLING OUTCOME
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF
SHADOW COMICS!





GATS NOLAN AND NUTSY HOOD! A PRETTY PAIR. I THOUGHT THEY WERE STILL IN JAIL. LISTEN, SON, YOU CALL THE COPS. I'M NICK CARTER.



NICK CARTER HEADED FOR A HOTEL TO PLAN HIS CAMPAIGN.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. THE POLICE ARE HELPLESS IN THE FACE OF THIS CRIME WAVE.

SO YOU CALLED ME IN TO CLEAN HOUSE FOR YOU. OKAY, IT'S A DEAL.



IHAVE A HUNCH I'M BEING TRAILED.



FIRST TIME I EVER USED THE "POWER OF THE PRESS!" THAT'LL HOLD HIM!

THIS'LL GET RID OF MY TRAILER!

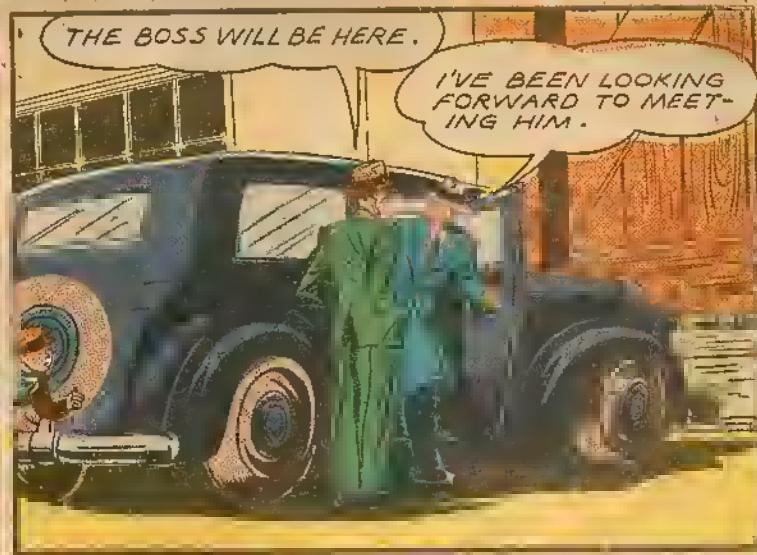


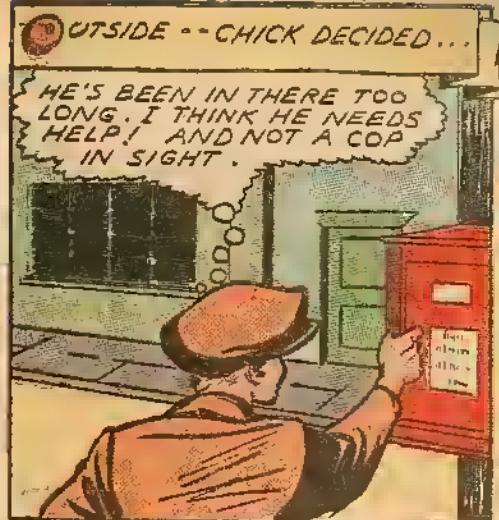
NICK CARTER LEFT THE GANGSTER TRAPPED AND REGISTERED AT THE PALACE HOTEL.

HOW DID THOSE BOMB THROWERS KNOW I WAS COMING TO TOWN?







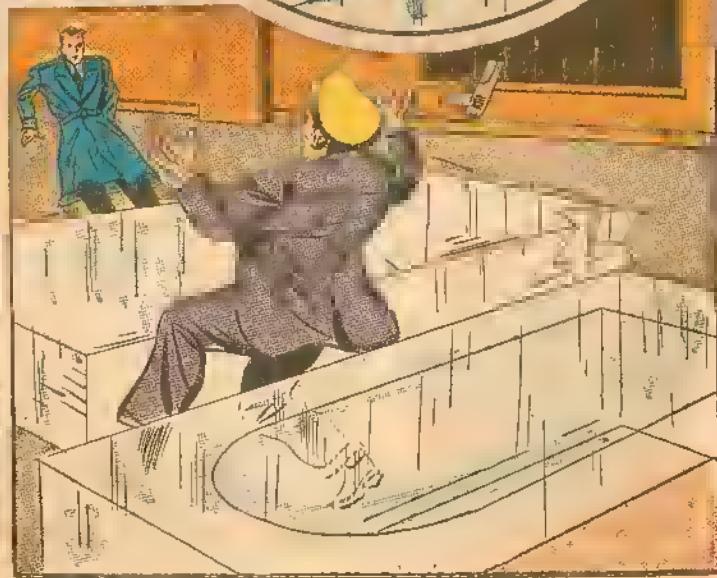


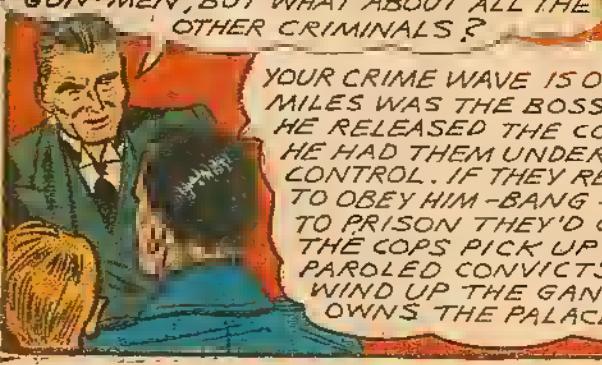
IN THE SPLIT SECOND THAT THEY LOOKED AWAY,
NICK CARTER...





THAT WAS LEFTY -
WISE GUY - SEE IF
I MISS WITH MY
RIGHT HAND!





YOUR CRIME WAVE IS OVER. MILES WAS THE BOSS. ONCE HE RELEASED THE CONVICTS, HE HAD THEM UNDER HIS CONTROL. IF THEY REFUSED TO OBEY HIM - BANG - BACK TO PRISON THEY'D GO. HAVE THE COPS PICK UP ALL PAROLED CONVICTS. THAT'LL WIND UP THE GANG. WHO OWNS THE PALACE HOTEL?



A CARGO SHIP LOADED WITH PRECIOUS COFFEE, ENCOUNTERS A SQUALL SOMEWHERE OFF THE CAROLINA COAST...

YOU'RE TWO POINTS OFF YOUR COURSE, MISTER JONES ... SWING 'ER TO! SHE WON'T SWING, SIR! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET HER BACK FOR THE LAST FIVE MINUTES!

WON'T SWING? YOU'RE CRAZY, MAN... HERE LET ME TRY... HMM... SOMETHING IS WRONG! SHE WON'T BUDGE AN INCH EITHER WAY!

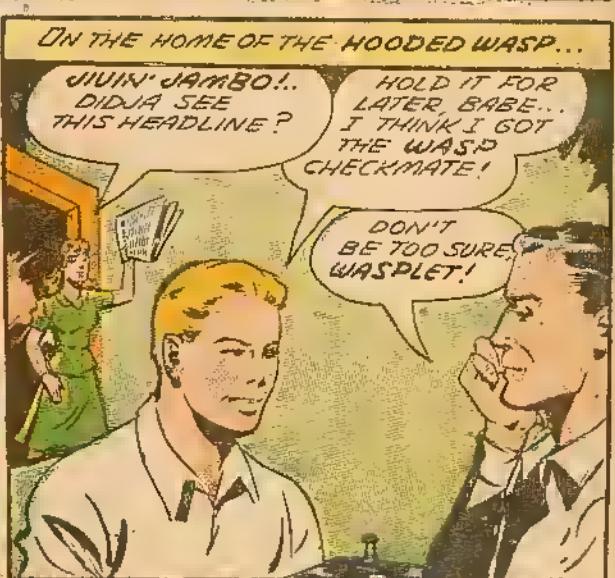
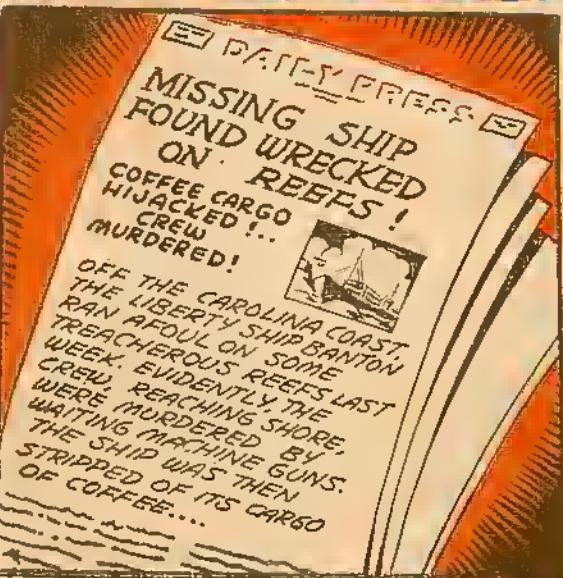


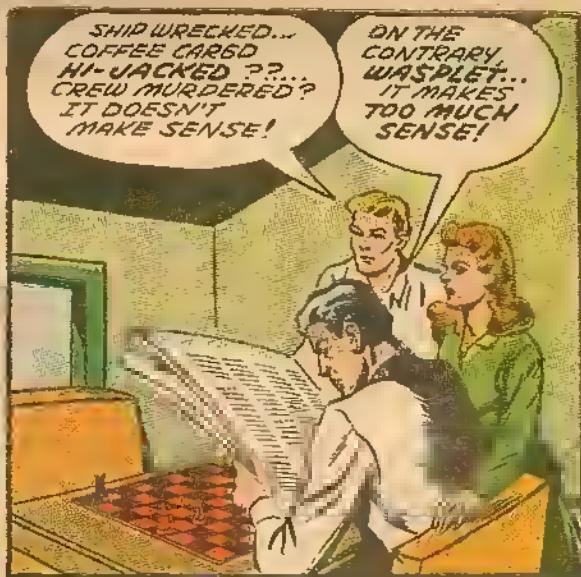
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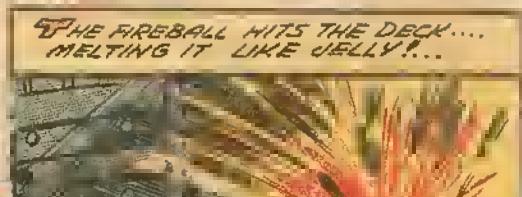
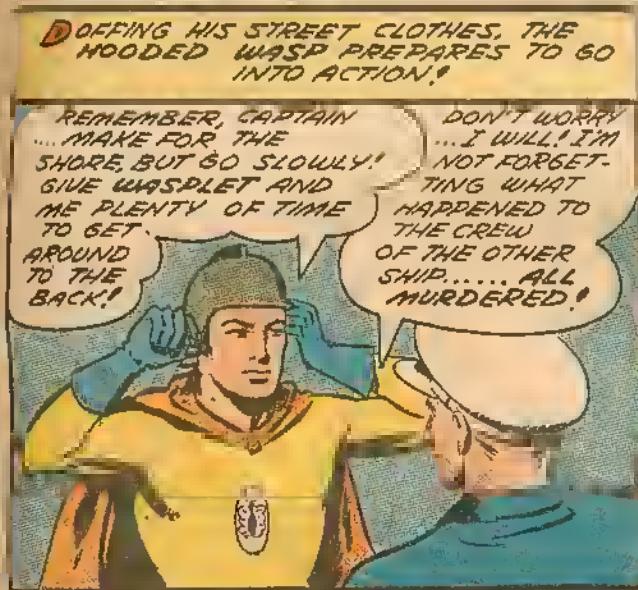
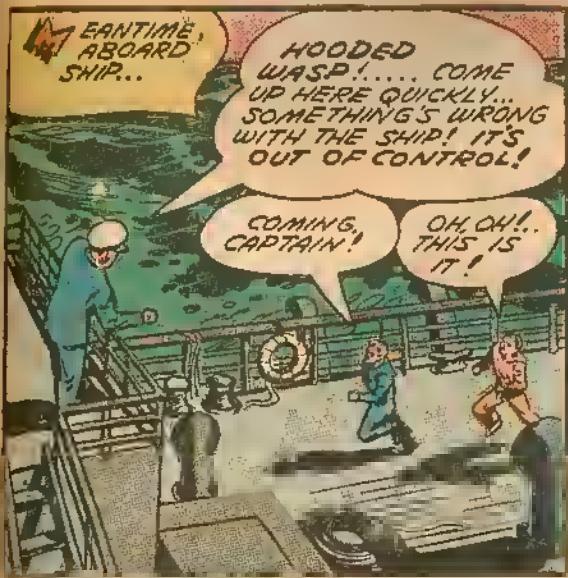


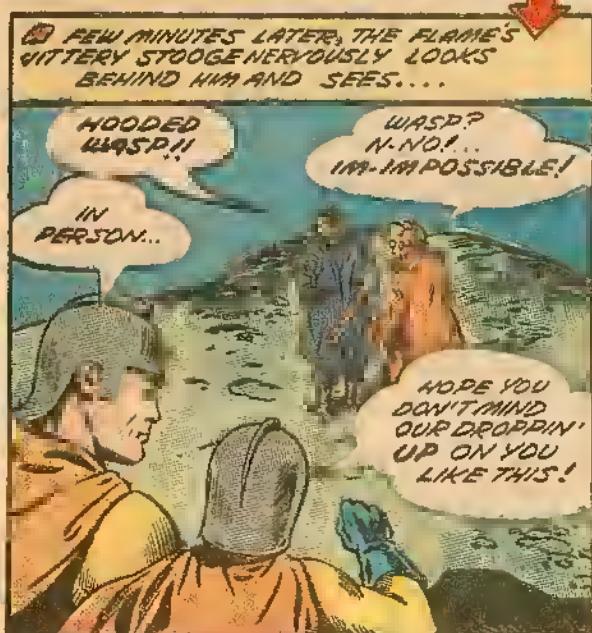
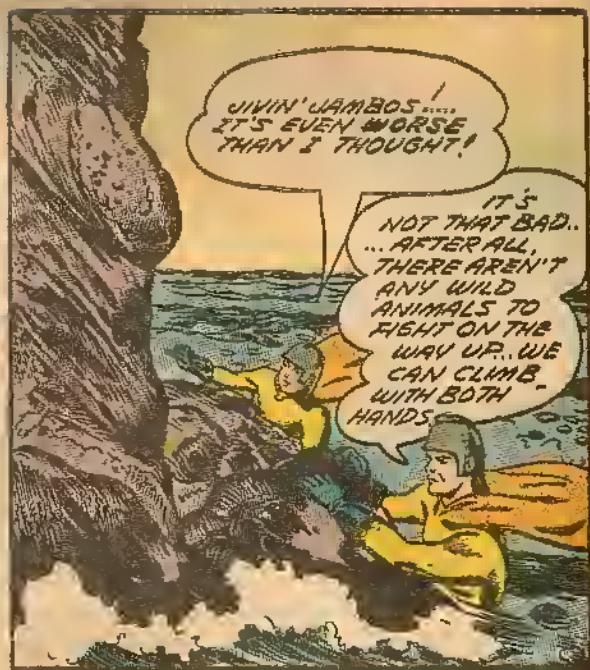
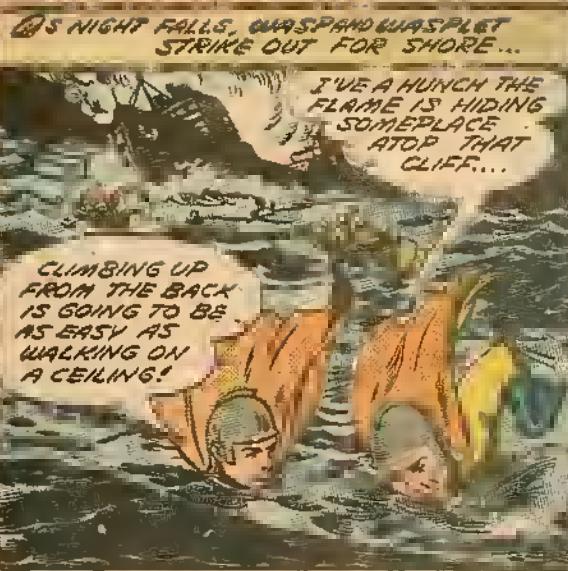


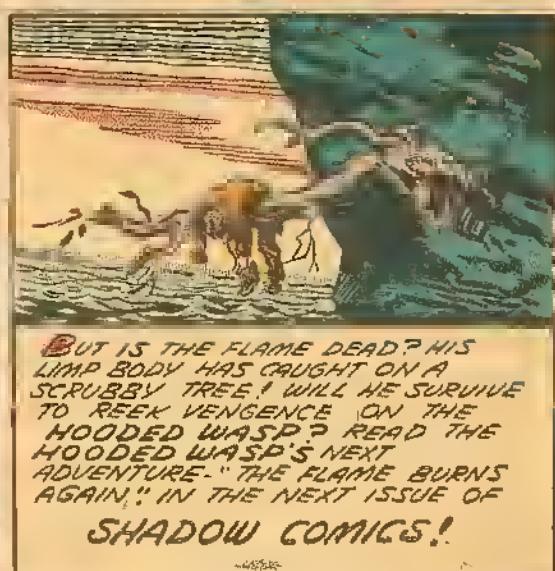


TWO AND A HALF DAYS LATER AS EVENING APPROACHES... SOMEWHERE OFF THE GEORGIA COAST....











1+1 MURDER

BY WILLIAM G. BOGART

Officer Pat Harmon had his own name for it. He called his beat the Central Park Detail. For a guy with ambitions—to be a detective, first grade—it was pretty tough to have to cover the same grounds each night. In the distance you could see the lights of Fifth Avenue or Central Park West. People were over there. Things were happening.

Pat Harmon saw the coupé parked up one of the dead-end side lanes. He'd have to chase the couple parked there, too. Some of them thought they could stay here all night!

The patrolman was still some distance away when he heard a voice raised in the parked car. It sounded like the man was arguing. Pat Harmon listened for the girl's answer. He didn't hear it.

The shot crashed out and rocked him back on his heels, so sudden was its loud report in the quiet hours of the night. He heard someone cry out. Then a car door slammed. Someone was running.

Pat Harmon was running, too, his hand going to his service holster, a glint leaping into his blue eyes. This was something different than a couple merely parked after hours.

He swerved toward the car, still aware that footsteps were thudding in the darkness somewhere near it. He also yanked out his flash.

The coupé was parked beneath low-hanging trees. A man was seated behind the wheel.

He was sitting there dead!

The flashlight beam revealed that in a split second. It also showed Pat Harmon the gun still clutched in the man's left hand, the bullet hole that gun had made in the man's left temple, and the papers that were scattered on the seat beside the dead man.

At the same time, Pat Harmon realized with a start, the running footsteps were fast fading in the distance!

Not far away was busy Fifth Avenue. A

man could reach the street and quickly merge with the people moving up and down there. He would be lost!

This was the thought that added speed to Pat Harmon's steps. The blurry figure ahead was only a dozen yards away when Pat Harmon raised the .38 and yelled, "Halt!"

The man dived behind a clump of shrubs. His running steps ceased.

Wary of a trick, the cop slowed, approached the bushes at an angle. He wished there were more light. He could hardly see a thing now.

He circled the entire area, paused, stared around, puzzled. His quarry had disappeared.

Remembering the dead man in the car, he started back that way. The stockily built man, who had blurred with the shadows of a tree trunk, stepped out suddenly, swung, hit the patrolman alongside the jaw with a surprise blow.

But he was only stunned for a moment. Harmon picked himself up, shook his head. Some distance away he saw the man dashing across an open area near one of the through auto driveways that wound through the park.

Suddenly the man hit something and fell. He tumbled, rolled, started running again—this time with a decided limp. He had reached the roadway now. A car was approaching. The man paused, waved down the driver. An instant later the car stopped. Apparently the driver thought it was just someone looking for a lift out of the park. The car started off again.

Pat Harmon drew up, stared off grimly into the silent night. The man was gone, and there was no possible way of finding him!

Later—it was almost dawn—they had the death car down there in the police garage and the photographers and print men had departed. Only a couple of headquarters dicks still hung around. One was saying to Officer Pat Harmon:

He said, "Look, girlie, there's something I'd—and you got into an argument. You shot him!" like to know—" and he started talking quietly.

A few moments later he went back into Evarts' office. The man was still standing there behind the desk. Harmon wondered about that. He said, "There's something I want to get here," and stared around the room. He was thinking of the thing he had taken from the death car, and of what he wanted now to go with it.

His gaze paused on the water cooler in the corner of the office, and suddenly he stepped that way. There was a glass tumbler atop the cooler. Harmon picked it up and stepped across to the window. He held the glass by the base, turned it slowly in the sunlight. He saw the almost perfect thumbprint on the side of the glass.

Taking the small card from his pocket, he compared the prints. His eyes sharpened.

Evarts had started angrily from behind the desk just as Pat Harmon turned. He gave a decided limp, caught himself, paused at the corner of the desk.

Harmon's pulse leaped. He remembered the wire that had been stretched, at knee height, across the park lawn where it adjoined the auto driveway. He remembered how his assailant of the night before had tripped over that wire. And now—Evarts was limping!

He said, "Let's figure it this way, Evarts. Your partner was an ill man. He had reason to be discouraged because business was bad, also. On top of that, the guy's wife wanted to divorce him. But he wouldn't agree. Perhaps he suspected that she wanted to marry you."

"Listen—" Evarts started angrily.

"Shut up!" said Harmon, and continued, "Last night you and Marshall got together to talk it over. He hasn't been driving much lately because of his heart. You drove the car. You parked up there in a quiet part of the park

in that car—"

Harmon smiled grimly. "Ah, but you were. You sat at the wheel. Thus the bullet hole was in Marshall's left temple. Then you shoved him over behind the wheel, spread those old bills and notes around, and started to scram. That's when I came in. I can prove you were in that car, and driving—"

This time Evarts ignored his injured leg. He flung out from behind the desk. He must have lifted the gun from the desk drawer. He was trembling.

"You smart cop!" he cried, and leaped toward Pat Harmon.

The rest was somewhat chaotic. The man's first shot was wild. Harmon knocked the gun aside on the second. From then on he just held the stocky man and started working him over with his bare fists. In the other office the blonde was screaming. Then cops started arriving.

Later, when one of the detectives from headquarters arrived, Pat Harmon explained, "Marshall was a tall man. So when Evarts, here—he looked at the bloody-faced man in the chair—"when Evarts drove the car, he had to readjust the small rear-view mirror because of his height. He had to tilt it down. In doing so, he left a perfect thumbprint on the mirror. I've got the mirror and a copy of that print. It compares with one over there on the glass." He nodded toward the water cooler.

Harmon finished, "So that places Evarts in the car and behind the wheel—right in position to shoot Marshall in the left side of the head." He looked at the headquarters man, added, "Your men ought to be more careful about finding all the clues at a murder scene."

Pat Harmon had no doubt at all that he had little longer to prowl that blasted park beat.

THE END.

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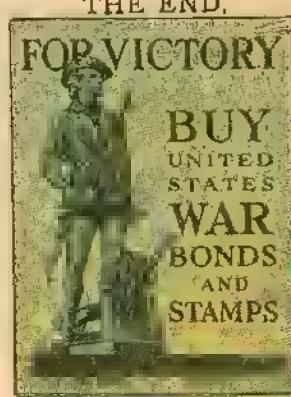
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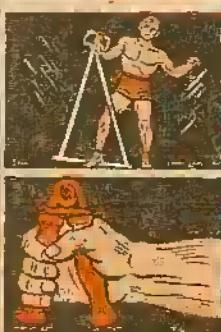
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